

Civil-Service Reform.

Last week it was announced that Colonel GEORGE H. BUTLER, a nephew of General B. F. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, had been appointed to an office in the far West. The announcement appeared to be a strange commentary upon the professions which Mr. HAYES had made as to his desire to reform the civil service of the country. But, after being notoriously a man of as bad character as his infamous uncle. The nephew had been recommended by Senator DORSEY, of Arkansas, SENATOR COX, of New York, and others. We suspect that Cox was bulldozed into writing a letter which did not express his real wishes. DORSEY belongs to the southern Republican party. However, the recommendations were generally held to be a mere blind. The power behind them was supposed to be the growing and threatening BEAST, whose name is infamous throughout the civilized world, and of whom it was guessed the President might stand in awe. The press that knew the nephew exposed his character to the country at once; and, as it now appears, to the President; for the news comes that Colonel GEORGE H. BUTLER has been removed from the office to which he was appointed last week. Again has Mr. HAYES entitled himself to the thanks of every good patriot, and again has he shown that he is a man of his own head—that he is in fact, as in name, President of the United States. BEAST BUTLER, OLIVER P. MORTON, ZACH. CHANDLER, and the rest of the most unscrupulous and unprincipled of the Radical leaders, were the real rulers of the country when GRANT was nominally President. GRANT took good care, first, of his own relatives and connections, and, secondly, of the pets of the vile partisans whom we have named above. Remember how SIMMONS was by GRANT made collector of customs at Boston in spite of the protests of all the most influential merchants and business men in the Republican party in that city, because BEAST BUTLER desired and had asked for his appointment, and then think of HAYES' removal of BUTLER's nephew under the circumstances we have detailed, and you will be able to realize how much the country has gained by the substitution of HAYES' policy for Grantism.

As in his treatment of South Carolina and Louisiana the President acted upon the true principles of the Constitution, and proved himself to be more than a mere partisan, and thereby earned the plaudits of the people, so in this instance he has acted upon the correct theory as to what the civil service of the country ought to be, and has lost sight of mere party and personal considerations. It will not do to say that he has done only his duty. If a man is not to be praised when he does his duty he ought never to be praised. GRANT's duty was the same as HAYES's, but he could not see what duty required, or else would not follow where duty led. HAYES could just as easily have quieted South Carolina by the use of the army as GRANT did during his administration. That he did not do so is to his credit. So as to civil-service reform. If he does his duty let everybody praise him for it. It has been so many years since the country has had a President who knew his duty and performed it that all true patriots may well afford to unite in lauding Mr. HAYES if he shall continue to pursue the path of duty.

John Ambler Interviewed.

Whilst he was in Washington city last week, the Hon. JOHN AMBLER SMITH fell into the hands of a correspondent of the Chicago Times, and told a good deal more than anybody except himself knows as to what is to be the result in Virginia of Mr. HAYES's pacific policy towards the South. We quote from the Times of the 4th: "WASHINGTON, May 3.—Testimony to the efficacy of the southern policy of President Hayes to divide the Democratic party in the South comes from Richmond, Va. Ex-Congressman Smith, of that city, who arrived here to-day, says that the Democratic party in that State is rapidly dividing, the question of supporting Mr. Hayes, and that it is probable this division of opinion will increase to such an extent that it will result in a split in the party when the convention to nominate a candidate for Governor is held next August. Mr. Smith says the Hunter Democrats want to keep up the fight against the title of Hayes to the presidency, while the old Whigs, who are a very considerable element in the Democratic party in Virginia, and who hold many important State offices, are in favor of breaking off from the northern Democracy and supporting the Administration. He says his wife, the Hon. Mrs. Smith, believes that the supporters of the Administration will be able to elect the next Governor of Virginia, and that the Republican organization in that State will pass out of existence. He says that the rapid growth of a sentiment among the more liberal of the Democrats in favor of Hayes is very evident in and about Richmond, and that the Administration policy will produce the happiest results. Mr. Smith, who is a native of Virginia, was the Republican predecessor of Congressman Walker. Misinterpreting this last sentence, the Times editorially speaks of Mr. J. A. SMITH as ex-Governor SMITH. That, however, is not material. It is to be presumed that Mr. SMITH does not speak for himself alone; and if not, it is easily to be seen that his party is already basing its hopes of success in the Governor's election upon prospective dissensions in the Conservative party. To be forewarned is to be forearmed if the Conservatives are wise. Let us see to it that dissensions shall be kept down, and the party that has done so much for Virginia shall again march to victory next November. A word to the wise ought to suffice.

England and Russia.—The papers

publish Lord DUNDY's answer to Prince GORTCHAKOFF's circular, in which he states that the Czar has broken the treaty of Paris, and separated himself from European concert; that it is impossible to foresee the consequences of his action, and that England does not believe that the condition of the Christians in Turkey will be improved by Russian invasion of that country, and that Russia's decision is, not one that can have the concurrence and approval of Her Majesty's Government. We have not room for it. It indicates the British feeling; but—there is much trouble ahead for England if she does more than protest.

The Chicago Tribune and Times

have each sent a special correspondent to the seat of war in Europe.

NEW BOOKS.

Annual Record of Science and Industry for 1876. Edited by J. H. BAIN, with the assistance of Eminent Men of Science. New York: HARPER & BROTHERS, 1877.

This volume is the sixth of the series, and is intended to present an intelligible and popular account of the more important facts of progress in the various departments of the physical and natural sciences, and their applications to the conveniences and luxuries of mankind. This is a mere hint as to the contents of the book. It must be examined to be appreciated.

For sale by WEST, JOHNSON & CO. A **Text-Book of Harmony**, for the use of Schools and Students. By CHARLES E. BARNES. New York: HARPER & BROTHERS, 1877.

For sale by WEST, JOHNSON & CO. **The Cruise of the "Challenger."** Voyages over Many Seas, Scenes in Many Lands. By W. J. J. SMYTH, R. N. With Maps and Illustrations. New York: HARPER & BROTHERS, 1877.

The cruise of the *Challenger* has become a famous one. It was a scientific expedition. The vessel "made good" 68,890 miles, starting at St. Petersburg, then going by way of Portsmouth, Lisbon, Gibraltar, Madeira, Tenerife, St. Thomas, Bermuda, Halifax, New York, Cape of Good Hope, Melbourne, Sydney, Hong Kong, Valparaiso, &c., &c. We have not named all the stopping-places. The scientific results of the cruise are left to other hands. The author of this celebrated voyage, "It is handsomely illustrated."

For sale by WEST, JOHNSON & CO. **Pettengill's Newspaper Directory and Advertiser's Hand-Book for 1877.** Price, \$1. Containing complete lists of American Newspapers and other Periodicals, with such details of information as are most useful to advertisers and business-men.

This Directory contains an immense amount of valuable information, showing great labor and care in its collection and preparation. The book contains 376 pages, and gives all necessary facts for an advertiser to know about 8,574 separate publications in the United States and Canada, while it is also very interesting to the reader of American periodical literature and the observer of its astonishing progress in this country.

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DEATHS.

Died, on Thursday morning, April 26, in Baltimore, of malignant scarlet fever, LULA ALLEN, youngest daughter of Minor B. and Elmina Allen; aged one year, five months, and sixteen days.

The notice will be given when and where her funeral service will be preached.

Died, at his residence, in Goodland county, on the 1st of May, FRANCIS GOODEN.

Died, May 7, 1877, at his residence, No. 202 North Main street, Rockville, THOMAS J. GALL, born in Watertown, Jefferson county, N. Y., August 18, 1818. His residence has been in Richmond since 1869.

His funeral will take place at Fulton Baptist Church to-day (May 8th) at 10 A. M. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

May rest in peace.

New York and Pennsylvania papers please copy.

MEETINGS.

MASONIC NOTICE.—The members of ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 36, A. F. & M. are requested to attend a stated meeting at 7 o'clock on THURSDAY (Tuesday) EVENING at 7 o'clock, at the hall of the lodge, on Main street, between 1st and 2nd streets.

WALTER BLOOM, Secretary.

MAY 8, 1877. A. L. 1077.

VIRGINIA LODGE, No. 2, K. O. P.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF JEFFERSON

WARD: Gentlemen—I hereby invite you to assemble at Odd-Fellows' Hall, corner Franklin and Main streets, THIS EVENING at 7 o'clock, to consider the question of the General Committee to serve for twelve months. I regard this an important meeting, and hope it will be well attended.

R. H. WHITLOCK, Superintendent.

RICHMOND PERPETUAL BUILDING, LOAN, AND TRUST COMPANY.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on THURSDAY (Tuesday) EVENING at 7 o'clock, at the office of the company, No. 8, Eleventh street, between 1st and 2nd streets.

WALTER BLOOM, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE VIRGINIA HOME INSURANCE COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Virginia Home Insurance Company will be held at 5 o'clock P. M. on THURSDAY (Tuesday) EVENING at 5 o'clock P. M., at the office of the company, No. 8, Eleventh street, between 1st and 2nd streets.

WALTER BLOOM, Secretary.

AMUSEMENTS.

DR. TAYLOR'S

ART ENTERTAINMENT.

DR. W. H. TAYLOR will give two of his highly interesting and descriptive

ART EXHIBITIONS

at Union-Station Methodist Episcopal church TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, 8TH AND 9TH INSTANT.

Exhibition commences at 8 o'clock.

Admission, 25c. Tickets may be obtained from the Sunday-School teachers and at the door.

May 8-21.

ANNUAL MAY BALL AND

FLORAL FESTIVAL OF

PROF. F. LAUREN'S DANCING ACADEMY

(Levy's Hall) on TUESDAY, MAY 8, 1877.

The business will be continued by W. D. ROBERTS.

All debts due to the title of the academy will be paid on WEDNESDAY, May 30, at 10 o'clock.

FAIR.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH FAIR.

The ladies of ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH will respectfully inform their friends that they have commenced a FAIR at the corner of Sixth and Franklin streets, where they have many useful and valuable articles for sale.

They have also connected with the same a DINNER, and hope their gentlemen friends will give them a call.

May 8-11.

DISSEMINATION & PARTNERSHIP.

THE FIRM HERETOFORE DOING BUSINESS AS W. D. ROBERTS & CO. (at the corner of 1st and 2nd streets) is now dissolved. Mr. C. L. RADWAY is continuing the business.

All debts due to the firm of W. D. ROBERTS & CO. will be paid on WEDNESDAY, May 30, at 10 o'clock.

May 8-21.

TO MY FRIENDS AND THE PUBLIC.

I, the undersigned, have the honor to inform you that I have been appointed to the position of Secretary of the Virginia Home Insurance Company, and that I have accepted of the same.

My office is at the corner of 1st and 2nd streets, between 1st and 2nd streets.

WALTER BLOOM, Secretary.

May 8, 1877.

\$927.50 PROFITS FROM \$108.25

A TIME OPTION ON DEL. & HUDSON, MARCH 1ST, 1877.

STOCK CONTRACTS.

Indulgent management on the part of Limited Liability, has resulted in a good return—often ten per cent. on the investment in the many days. Send for prospectus, and you will see the many days. Send for prospectus, and you will see the many days.

Mr. FLORENCE TIERMAN is with me and will be pleased to see his friends. Very respectfully,

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REMOVAL.

GEORGE P. STACY has removed to the corner of 1st and 2nd streets, between 1st and 2nd streets.

FRANKLIN STREETS.

FURNITURE, MATRESSES, &c.

at prices to suit the times.

May 7-20.

NEW HAND, THE LARGEST

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